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SUBJECT: NOON PRESS BRIEFING, THURSDAY, JULY 28

1. THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE AT THE NOON PRESS
BRIEFING, THURSDAY, JULY 28.

BEGIN QUOTE Q: HODDING, ON PANAMA, IF I MAY -- HAS THE GOV-
ERNMENT PROTESTED OVER THIS INCIDENT BETWEEN THE HELICOPTER
IN WHICH TORRIJOS WAS TRAVELING IN THE U.S.?

A: NO. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A COMPLAINT.

Q: AND DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE ON THAT INCIDENT?

A: WELL FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT IT,
THIS WAS AN INCIDENT INVOLVING A HELICOPTER CARRYING BOLIVIAN
PRESIDENT BANZER. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT REPRESENTA-
TIVES OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE AND THE PANAMANIAN AIR FORCE
AND THE FAA MET YESTERDAY TO DETERMINE THAT NO DANGER TO THE
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HELICOPTER WAS POSED BY U.S. AIRCRAFT. THERE WERE TWO
AIRCRAFT INVOLVED.

I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT THE FAA HAS TAPES OF GROUND-
TO-AIR CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE CONTROL TOWER AND THE AIR-
CRAFT AND THAT THESE DON'T INDICATE ANY PROBLEM --
PARENTHETICALLY, THE PROBLEM HAVING BEEN SUPPOSEDLY, AC-

CORDING TO A NEWS REPORT IN A PANAMANIAN NEWSPAPER, THAT
THE PLANES CAME EXTRAORDINARILY CLOSE TO THIS HELICOPTER
CARRYING THE BOLIVIAN PRESIDENT.

BUT BEYOND THAT, I REPEAT: WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A COM-
PLAINT FROM THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT. AND FOR MORE DE-
TAILED INFORMATION, I'D SUGGEST YOU GO TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF DEFENSE OR THE FAA. VANCE

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